

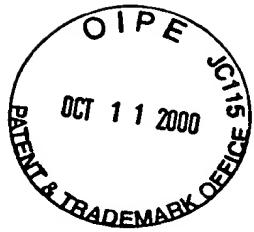
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Applicants: Steven M. Reynolds et al Attorney Docket No.: P99,0629

Serial No.: 09/584,570 Group Art Unit:

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For: "PUMP AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTING OPERATION OF SAID PUMP"



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Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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- [] After the mailing date of a first Office Action but before (1) mailing of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113; or (2) mailing of a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
- [] Payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) accompanies this submission; or
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- [] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- [] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
- [] -A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover any required fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 08-2290. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicants respectfully requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO Form 1449 be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is due at this time.

REMARKS

The following references listed on the PTO Form 1449 enclosed herewith:

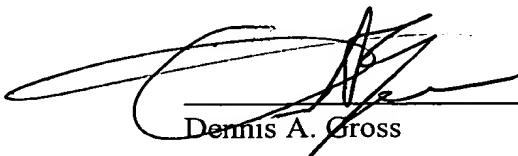
Internet article, Flow Focus, September Issue (one page).

Internet article, Pump Smart, Goulds Pumps, ITT Industries (one page).

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The above citation of prior art is not a representation that such art constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of all pertinent prior art, nor that it necessarily includes the closest or most relevant art. The aforementioned citation comprises a voluntary citation of prior art of which applicant and his attorney are presently aware and is not intended to serve as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

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